

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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UNDERWEIGHT CYLINDERS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that LPG is transferred from filled in cylinders to empty cylinders by the gas agencies and supplying less weight cylinders to the consumers ;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last one year, State-wise ; and

(c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken against the gas agencies found involved in such activities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have received 48 established complaints of supply of underweight cylinders to consumers during the year 2004. The State-wise details are given in the Annexe.

(c) : Action has been taken against erring distributors in terms of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) / Distributorship Agreement. OMCs carry out periodic inspections at all distributorships.

ANNEXE

DETAILS OF ESTABLISHED COMPLAINTS OF SUPPLY OF UNDER-WEIGHT CYLINDERS BY LPG DISTRIBUTORS.

Sl. No. States/Uts Number of distributors found indulging
 in supply of under-weight cylinders

1. Gujarat 5

2. Haryana 2

3. Punjab 5

4. Rajasthan 4

5. Uttar Pradesh 18

6. Delhi 14

TOTAL 48